

I've been a subscriber to XM radio for a year and a half now. I chose to pay for my radio listening because I was tired of listening to the same songs over and over as well as endless commercials. The only time I do listen to FM is on a walkman when I work out and it always ends up frustrating me. One of the most exciting things to happen to XM since I've been a subscriber is the addition of traffic and weather channels for major cities. I routinely travel to both Houston, TX and Dallas, TX and it is extremely helpful to be far away and hear what is going on throughout these cities and others freeways. This gives me plenty of time to plan alternate routes, routes that would no longer be options once I got close enough to hear FM signals. I urge the FCC to reject NAB's petition 04-160. If local broadcasters want to play the same programming over and over that is their business. They should not have the ability to try and dictate force their business model onto other media companies.